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SUBJ: IMCO MARINE POLLUTION CONFERENCE:

LOS ISSUES

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- 1. ECON COUNSELOR MADE POINTS PARA 5 AND PARA 6 LONDON REFTEL WITH UNDER SECRETARY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEPT FONAFF (OXLEY) OCTOBER 25.
- 2. OXLEY WELL INFORMED DEVELOPMENTS RE ARTICLE 8 AT LONDON CONFERENCE. HE SAID CABINET GUIDELINES GAVE STRICT INSTRUCTIONS FOR SA DELEGATION SEEK MAXIMIZE COASTAL STATE CONTROLS FOR WATER UNDER ITS JURISDICTION, FOR SAG READ BOTH PORTS AND SIX PLUS SIX MILES.
- 3. SAG FOUND ARTICLE 8(1) AND 8(2) FIRST SENTENCE SATISFACTORY CONFIDENTIAL

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BUT SHARED CONCERN RE 8(2) SECOND SENTENCE. UNDER THE CABINET-

APPROVED GUIDELINES, HE THOUGHT BEST POSITION SAG DELEGATION COULD TAKE WAS ABSTAIN ON SECOND SENTENCE ARTICLE 8(2) ON UNDERSTANDING FROM ITS DELEGATION THAT VOTING WOULD BE SENTENCE BY SENTENCE ON ARTICLE. ADDITIONALLY, SA WOULD ABSTAIN ON SUB PARA 3 RE NOTIFICATION WHICH HE INTERPRETED AS FALLING AWAY IF SECOND SENTENCE IN SUB PARA 2 ELIMINATED.

- 4. OXLEY INITIALLY REASONED THAT ARTICLE 9 DISCLAIMER OF PREJUDICE TO LAW OF SEA ISSUES TOOK CARE OF CONCERNS EXPRESSED ON THAT ACCOUNT BUT AFTER DISCUSSION AGREED THIS WAS A POINT TO CONSIDER. EMBOFF STRESSED THAT MANY WOULD ARGUE CONVENTION SETTLED ISSUE.
- 5. IN OTHER DISCUSSION EMBOFF STRESSED VALUE OMITTING ARTICLE 8 ENTIRELY, ARGUING THAT THIS WOULD MEET SAG CONCERNS BETTER THAN EVEN ARTICLE 8(1) AND (2) FIRST SENTENCE. ALSO POINTED OUT THAT SECOND SENTENCE SEEMED IMPORTANT PART OF COMPROMISE WITH THE MORE EXTREME COASTAL STATE POSITION AND BEST APPROACH TO AVOID THIS PITFALL WAS ELIMINATION ENTIRE ARTICLE.
- 6. OXLEY AGREED SEEK REVIEW OF POSITION IN LIGHT U.S. PRESENTATION AND ADVISE FRIDAY OCTOBER 26 WHAT SAG MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO BEYOND ABSTENTION OUTLINED ABOVE. HE ADDED THAT PROCEDURALLY IT MIGHT WORK OUT THAT SAG WOULD ABSTAIN ON ENTIRE ARITICLE IF IT APPEARED DEALING WITH SECOND SENTENCE ALONE RULED OUT. HURD

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